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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 24 March 1980

Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

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Lehman introduced [] newly appointed Associate Chairman,
National Intelligence Council. []

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Stein reported briefly on continued fighting in Chad over the week-
end, noting poor communications from that area. []

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Mr. Carlucci said he sent a note to Stein over the weekend on this matter.
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Fitzwater reported a meeting will be held at 1000 hours, Saturday,
29 March, in the Auditorium for Credit Union retirees; he requested that
a senior officer of the Agency address this group. Hitz agreed to be the
speaker. []

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Fitzwater reported the OMB letter re a hiring freeze has been received.
He said despite the freeze we can expect to fare reasonably well for the
remainder of this year; he noted [] new hires [] professionals and []
clericals) are in process. Of the total he said we should expect to bring
aboard about [] A brief discussion followed on various aspects of the
freeze, e.g., the limitation of one hire for every two vacancies and the
impact on Agency personnel ceilings for 1980 and 1981. Mr. Carlucci noted
[] will stay close to OMB re any need to request exemption(s). []

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Hetu said the Publications Review Board will complete its review of
the [] transcript of more than 500 pages by 26 March--within the
prescribed 30-day period. He said Board requests for manuscript changes
are numerous, and that this case is being handled with utmost care to
prevent ourselves from being "set up" re litigation. He said the Board
will meet with [] and his counsel, Mark Lynch of ACLU, on Wednesday.
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Clarke showed Mr. Carlucci a copy of the new version of the PDB and
said he plans to introduce it to the White House tomorrow. Clarke also
passed a report to Mr. Carlucci on a probable joint Soviet-Cuban training
exercise in Cuba []

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Hitz advised Mr. Carlucci that tomorrow's HAC Subcommittee hearing on CIA Special Activities will be a panel format. He said he has already seen the questions to be asked and anticipates no problems. He recommended Mr. Carlucci accept the panel format so as not to damage our efforts for change in the Hughes-Ryan Amendment. []

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Hitz said Bob Ames will be the lead-off witness (Political Threats to U.S. Interests in the Persian Gulf) at the 26 and 27 March Senate Arms Services Committee sessions re the Rapid Deployment Force. He said Ames is well prepared and has coordinated with DIA. []

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Hitz reported the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Legislative and National Security Affairs will begin hearings on 24 March re our efforts to improve the security of our personnel abroad following the takeover of hostages in Iran. Mr. Carlucci advised Hitz to work with this Committee toward a closed hearing and observed an open hearing is unacceptable. []

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Wortman announced [] appointment as Director of Security effective 21 March. He reported also 10 May has been set for Family Day at CIA and that details will be circulated soon. Wortman said the Foreign Service Act of 1980 is in legislative process and includes several benefits for State which we may be able to adopt upon passage of the bill. Included are: one round-trip per year for children of divorced parents; payment of separate maintenance allowances to employees whose tours to hardship posts result in separation from spouse/dependents; up to 15 percent differential payments for assignments to posts where conditions are adverse; and danger pay up to 25 percent for assignment to hazardous posts. []

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Wortman reported a furniture freeze imposed by GSA for an indefinite period. He said the freeze applies to U.S. domestic installations only. []

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